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1. CIA produces current intelligence under the authority of NSCID 3, para. 2b, which states: "The Central Intelligence Agency and the several departments and agencies shall produce and disseminate such current intelligence as may be necessary to meet their own internal requirements. Normally, the current intelligence produced by the Central Intelligence Agency is produced primarily to meet the needs of the President and National Security Council; in addition it serves the common needs of the interested departments and agencies of the Government for current intelligence which they themselves do not produce."

2. DIA draws its authority from the first sentence quoted above, plus para. 3, which reads: "Departmental Intelligence is that intelligence which any department or agency requires to execute its own mission."

3. The sense of the above is that DIA's production should be supplemental to CIA's. In fact, however, it is competitive.

a. DIA duplicates our output on all military subjects and most important political and economic ones.

b. Our plans to give the President and his advisors coverage of sensitive matters without broadcasting this material are blocked by DIA's insistence on its right to publish anything we do. Its product is distributed very widely in Washington and in the field.

c. We are required (by USIB action) to coordinate with DIA; DIA is not required to coordinate with us. This means that top-level consumers are often presented with two versions of

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important incoming intelligence, one of them not subject to review by the DCI.

d. The necessity to coordinate means that sensitive materials must be circulated to the working level--not only in DIA but in other USIB agencies.

4. The best solution is to charge CIA explicitly and exclusively with the production of current intelligence on sensitive matters of national importance, and DIA with the production of only such additional detailed military intelligence as the Department of Defense requires for its own needs. With this achieved, we would undertake to provide:

a. A high-level sensitive publication for a restricted list of 30-40 senior officials in Washington.

b. A publication of lesser sensitivity and broader circulation for the use of "upper-middle" level officials in Washington and in the field.

c. The economic and political back-up DIA would need to enable it to concentrate on departmental military intelligence.